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# **ORDER OF BUSINESS**

- 1. Read letters from churches and enroll messengers.
- 2. Election of Officers.
- 3. Call for petitionary letters.
- 4. Call for correspondence.
- 5. Appoint Messengers to State Convention and Southern Baptist Convention.
- 6. Invite visitors to seats.
- 7. Report of Treasurer.
- 8. Appoint Committees as follows:
  - 1. On Religious Exercises.
  - 2. On Finance.
  - 3. On Nomination.
  - 4. On Temperance.
  - 5, On Missions and Hospitals.
  - 6. On Education.
  - 7. On Publication.
  - 8. On Sunday Schools.
  - 9. On Orphan's Home.
  - 10. On Women's Work.
  - 11. On Young People's Work.
  - 12. On Aged Ministers' Relief.
  - 13. On Obituaries.
- 9. Annual Sermon.
- 10. Report of Committees.
- 11. Miscellaneous Business.

### PROCEEDINGS

# Summary of Sixth Annual Session

The Sixth Session of the Natchitoches Baptist Association was held with the Central Baptist Church, Sept. 4th and 5th, 1919. Rev. Dana Terry, Moderator, and J. B. Wood Clerk and Treasurer.

Eleven churches were represented by forty Messengers. Committees were appointed and reported on the various objects of our denomination work.

There were eighty-three additions to the churches by baptism during the year.

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The churches paid during the year: To Pastors' salaries\_\_\_\_\_\$3,104.00 Buildings and repairs\_\_\_\_\_ 563.00Other expenses\_\_\_\_\_ 320.00 Sunday School expenses\_\_\_\_\_ 247.00State Missions 422.00Home Missions\_\_\_\_\_\_ 286.00Foreign Missions 313.00Orphans' Home 230.00Education 788.00 Old Ministers' aid\_\_\_\_\_ 74.00Association Minutes 43.00Total\_\_\_\_\_\$6,390.00

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# Seventh Annual Session

The Natchitoches Baptist Association met in its Seventh annual session with Harmony Church, September 2nd and 3rd, 1920.

Devotional services conducted by W. F. Ross and Bro. F. Jones led in prayer.

The former Assistant Moderator, L. E. Green, called the Association to order and appointed I. B. Dowden, Luther Roberts and W. F. Key a committee on Finance and Enrollment.

The following churches were represented by letter and Messengers:

Provencal-W. F. Key, Allen Stoker.

Second Natchitoches—J. C. Scott, Mrs. Abbert Bevoy, Mrs. Anders.

First Natchitoches—Rev. E. K. Shults, L. E. Green, L. E. Hudson, Mrs. E. K. Shults, Mrs. L. E. Green.

Harmony—Arthur Roberts, Luther Roberts and H. J. Miller.

Cypress—I. B. Dowden.

Robeline-J. B. Wood, O. F. Jones and C. M. Elzey.

Victoria—Mrs. N. A. Durham, Mrs. J. B. Glass and Mr. R. S. Jackson.

Cassady Springs—Rev. M. Smith, W. S. Plot and J. C. Parker.

Central, Campti—T. L. Smith, J. P. Clower, Bert Powell; for S. S., W. C. Russell; B. Y. P. U., Mrs. W. C. Russell, Miss Ruby Clower.

Coldwater—J. W. Sanders, C. A. Hart, Murphy Mc-Queen; W. M. U., Mrs. Janie Stephens, Miss Mamie Hubbard; S. S., Misses Angie Sanders and Audrey Sebly; B. Y. P. U., Misses Essie Stephens, C. Hart.

Marthaville—J. A. Bailes, Mrs. T. L. Bailes; alternate, Mr. T. L. Bailes.

Bellwood—Monroe Roberts, B. F. Gandy.

Montrose—Rev. H. D. Maxwell.

Derry Church—No Messengers.

Rev. E. K. Shults was elected Moderator and J. A. Bailes was elected Clerk and Treasurer.

Visitors were invited to seats: Dr. C. E. Perryman, representing the 75 Million Campaign; Mrs. N. A. Stille, Corresponding Secretary; Miss Allen, representing Women's Field Work of the State.

L. E. Hudson, J. B. Wood and J. C. Parker appointed committee to report on petitionary letters.

L. E. Green, W. F. Ross and W. M. Smith appointed committee to report on business. By motion report on business adopted.

Adjourned until 1:30 p. m. Dismissed by E. K. Shults.

# First Day-1:30 P. M.

Called to order by Moderator.

Devotional service led by Bro. J. E. Hinkie, followed with prayer.

# **Appointment of Committees**

B. Y. P. U. and S. S.—Mrs. N. A. Stille, J. E. Hinkie, Arthur Roberts, R. S. Jackson.

Orphans' Home—A. S. Roberts, W. M. Smith, W. J. Ross.

Ministerial Relief and Annuities—Oliver Roberts, R. J. Ross.

Temperance—J. B. Wood.

Publication and Education—B. F. Jones and Rev. J. E. Hinkie.

Missions and Hospitals-E. K. Shults.

Woman's Work—Mrs. N. A. Stille, Miss Minnie Scarborough, Mrs. M. E. Brown.

Obituaries-Rev. W. M. Smith.

Nominations-J. C. Parker, B. F. Jones and Arthur Roberts.

Finance-W. F. Key, I. B. Dowden and Luther Roberts.

By motion and second the following churches were received as members of this Association: Robeline, Victoria and Cypress. Belwood church was received by motion, on condition of a letter stating church letter would follow, as a member of the Association.

### **Report of Committees**.

Report of Treasurer:

Receipts-

From churches for 1918 minutes fund\$37.50
From churches for 1919 minutes fund 43.00
Total\$80.50
Expenses—
Printing minutes\$40.00
Clerk's fee 20.00
Clerk's expenses of travel to contract for printing
minutes 2.85

Total\_\_\_\_\_\$62.85

Remainder, \$18.25, voted to clerk for his Georgia trip.

The sister I went to see died on the 15th of last March, leaving your clerk the oldest of ten children and the only one left. Prof. L. E. Hudson paid \$15.00 on printing minutes and donated the amount to clerk for above trip.

#### J. B. WOOD, Treasurer.

Mission work of J. B. Wood in Natchitoches Parish July and August, 1920: On the 3rd of July I began, on my own initiative, to visit all of our churches in Natchitoches parish, which I had seen for years was badly needed and never more so than now. I soon saw that it was a stupendous task to be done in so short a time. But after consultation with our Executive Committee and the President' and Secretary of our State Board, I determined to push it all I could.

The following are the results:

1—Not fewer than seven churches promised to be here that, in all probability, would not have been had I not gone after them.

2—I have visited nineteen churches and have communicated with four others by members of each one of them, and communicated with two others by letter.

3—Have labored forty-six days; preached thirty sermons, and delivered nine addresses and organized one Sunday School and one prayer meeting, and helped to locate one pastor in a field. Have traveled 275 miles, have had personal, heart-to-heart religious talks with more than forty persons, prayed with several families. Have received from the field \$45.89 above expenses and from our State Board \$50.00. The Lord has wonderfully held me up in this arduous work, for which I praise His Holy Name. The time was too short from the time I commenced until our Association to do the work as it should have been done.

(Signed) J. B. WOOD.

# **B. Y. P. U. and S. S.**

We, your committee on B. Y. P. U. work, are glad to find that in bringing you this report we have six B. Y. P. U.'s, whereas, last year none were reported. We recommend that each church, as soon as it is practical, organize a B. Y. P. U., for the B. Y. P. U. is the training service in a Baptist church for its young people. If we are to have efficient leaders in our church work tomorrow we must train today. We further recommend that the B. Y. P. U. be heartily endorsed as a vital asset in our work for the Master.

And we, your committee on S. S., make the following

report: We find all the churches which have reported have a Sunday School. Each school reports baptisms. The Sunday School is not a separate organization from the church, but is the teaching service of the church. Every member of the church is a member of the school and those who are not church members should be interested in the Sunday School. Therefore the Sunday School should have a larger membership than the church.

We recommend the Convention Normal Manual and the abolishing of Union literature and organizations. We further recommend the organization of Associational Sunday Schools by Bro. Howell, our State Sunday School Secretary, and that a time be set for said meeting. We recommend graded Sunday Schools wherever practical.

> R. S. JACKSON, MRS. N. A. STILLE, J. E. HINCKIE, ARTHUR ROBERTS.

Spoken to by R. S. Jackson, Arthur Roberts and Rev. J. E. Hinckie. Adopted.

#### **Orphans' Home**

We, your committee on Orphanage, report that our State Baptist Orphanage work is in a prospering condition.

No. children in the home at present128	3
No. boys 68	5
No. girls 68	3
No. received since one year ago 43	3
No. in public schools118	5
No. baptized this year 38	5
Number being Religiously trained128	3
Cost per child for June\$14.15	3
Cost per child per day476	с

(This includes the greater part of the clothing, as but few societies still clothe children.)

The committee appointed at the last State Convention to select and buy a farm, selected one of 430 acres four miles east of Monroe. This land is in cultivation and will yield 1 bale of cotton per acre. We hope it will grow enough feed and grain to support the children and feed the stock. Also it may teach the children to be self-supporting. Cottages will be built, each to accommodate about 30 children, at a cost of about \$2,000.00 per cottage. One brother asked to be allowed to build a memorial cottage for himself and sister. We hope he succeeds in this wish. One death reported in the home this year.

A. S. ROBERTS,W. M. SMITH,W. J. ROSS, Committee.

Spoken to by W. M. Smith and E. K. Shults. Adopted.

# **Ministerial Relief and Annuities**

We, your committee, submit the following: That our aged ministers, wives and orphan children of this beloved State should receive our support, sympathy and prayer. These aged brethren who worked faithfully in laying the foundation for the work of Christ in the State should receive our hearty support. Some worldly institutions are even caring for their aged and faithful employees. We should not only strive to emulate other Christians and worldly institutions, but should furnish those old heroes of faith the support they richly deserve.

The above Convention Board, located in Dallas, Texas, known as the Relief and Annuity Board, has taken over the work done formerly in our State. The beneficiaries are receiving their checks in proportion more than they were before the Board took them over. They are paid monthly instead of quarterly and receive from \$10.00 to \$25.00 per month. At present an average of \$174.00 each year.

We recommend that our churches take these questions seriously and prayerfully to heart, that our aged ministers do not suffer during their last days here on earth.

OLIVER ROBERTS,

R. J. ROSS, Committee.

Spoken to by Dr. C. E. Perryman and E. K. Shults. Announcements.

Adjourned 5:30 p. m. Dismissed by Dr. C. E. Perryman. Sermon at 8 p. m. by J. E. Hinkie.

#### Friday Morning 9:30

Called to order by Moderator. Devotional services by Bro. F. Jones, followed by prayer.

#### Temperance

We, your committee on Temperance, report that we consider the temperance question, so far as the manufacture and sale of intoxicating beverages are concerned, as settled by law, but it needs the help of all good citizens to enforce the law. And we, the Natchitoches Association, stand uncompromisingly to enforce this law.

J. B. WOOD, Committee.

Spoken to by Dr. C. E. Perryman. Adopted.

# Publication and Education

Your committee on Publication reports:

1—That the Baptist Message ought to be in every Baptist home in the State.

2—That every Baptist church in our Association appoint a member to strictly look after subscriptions to our paper. We say "our paper" because our State Convention owns and controls it.

3—That our members be urged to take the Home and Foreign Fields and Royal Service.

4—That our Sunday Schools use our own literature. J. B. WOOD.

Education: Your committee is glad to report that our College in Pineville is making fine progress. The school is only 14 years old, but has grown from a school of only a few students with a property worth practically nothing, to a student body of 350 and a property woth \$250,000. Plans are now on foot for an administration building, which we hope to see completed within the next few months, which will be second to none in the whole Southland. Worthy ministers will be given financial aid.

Then our B. B. I. at New Orleans is the greatest school of its kind in the world for its years. We think of it as a

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child of Providence. One of the very best faculties that can be had reigns there. There was a regular student body of some two hundred and a special student body of one hundred during the past year.

We recommend that every minister who finds himself too old, or incapable to take a college course, strive to spend a year or two at the B. B. I. Both the Louisville S. and S. W. S. have had the greatest year in their history. We are glad to report that signs of God's richest blessings are upon us in all of our educational work. The Arcadia and French Academy are doing the greatest work for the French people of the South.

B. F. JONES,

J. E. HINCKIE, Committee.

Spoken to by J. E. Hinckie. Adopted.

Adjournment.

1:30 p. m. Reassembled. House called to order by Moderator. Devotional services by W. M. Smith. Prayer.

#### **Missions and Hospitals**

Hospitals: In Louisiana we have one Hospital, located at Alexandria. There are four buildings with a bed capacity of seventy. There is a well equipped X-ray and laboratory room. The average monthly income for the past year has been \$5,000.00. Dr. R. P. Mahon has retired from the management and Rev. D. R. Pevoto has assumed the duties of superintendent. The Hospital is worthy of our patronage.

Missions: Practically all that needs to be said on the whole subject of Missions can be said under the general head of the Seventy-five Million Campaign. In this great drive, launched at the Atlanta Convention to raise \$75,000,-000, we perhaps secured this amount on the first day of the drive, and, at present more than \$90,000,000 has been subscribed. The late war taught us two lessons. The fact that we can do big things and the how to do them. The putting on and putting over of this drive has meant new lift to all of our work, from the smallest country church to the great enterprises of our Boards, State, Home and Foreign. In all this advance perhaps no State ought to feel more grateful and rejoice more than Louisiana. We have been and are yet a real mission field.

We have failed, so far, to raise our quota, but have raised the splendid sum of \$3,002,163. Out of this sum we are to spend for State Missions \$87,000 per year for five years. We have aided in building fifteen churches, added to the salaries of fifty pastors, employed eleven evangelists and singers, four W. M. U. workers, and two each B. Y. P. U. and S. S. workers. We also have fourteen French and five Italian missionaries. Total workers of all kinds, 124. Number of baptisms reported through these agencies last year, 1,425.

The work of the Home, Foreign and other Boards has increased in like proportion.

Our task now is two fold. First: To collect the money subscribed. Second, to see that every new member received and every old member not enlisted already make a subscription.

We would suggest that the pastors and churches keep regularly and systematically at this work. Get a subscription from every member, then collect it promptly as due. When collected, have church treasurer send same to State Board treasurer at once. Send all amounts in the name of the church and also give name of association.

We heartily recommend that all of the churches in the association observe Victory Day, November 28. Plan ahead and put on the drive anew. See every member enlisted. Do not stop until all are enlisted.

E. K. SHULTS, Committee.

Spoken to by Dr. C. E. Perryman. Adopted.

## Woman's Work

We, your committee on Woman's Missionary Union, report as follows:

Number of W. M. S. organizations, 4. Number of Circles fostered, 2. Number of Y. W. A.'s, 2. Number of Sunbeams, 1.

By the assistance of Miss Octavia Allen the W. M. U. of Natchitoches Association was duly organized September 3. Mrs. D. C. Scarborough, of Natchitoches, unanimously elected Assistant Superintendent. The following resolutions adopted: First, That W. M. U. hold two yearly meetings, one in June, day and place to be named by Superintendent, and one regular Associational meeting. Second. That Royal Service and Home and Foreign Fields be subscribed for by our women, as these magazines contain programs for our various organizations. Third, That we make a renewed consecration of our whole life to the service of God, that Divine Love may be working out His purpose for His world, and, through the women may release the greatest unused energy of the church. Therefore we must plan, pray, and work together in the unity of the spirit in our common task.

> MRS. N. A. STILLE, MRS. MINNIE SCARBOROUGH, MRS. M. E. BROWN, MISS OCTAVIA ALLEN,

Committee.

Spoken to by Mrs. N. A. Stille. Adopted.

#### **Obituaries**

Your committee on Obituaries beg to report as follows: That, while we are greatly blessed with health and prosperity, we find that the church letters report that eleven of our members have been called to their heavenly home and rewards. The names are as follows: Anna Lee Gowden, Second Church, Natchitoches; Sister Blanche Wagley and Bro. Jackson Watson, of Marthaville Church; Bro. W. D. Richie and Sister Ida Wallace, of Provencal Church; Bro. Eli Chance and Sister Helen Duran, of Central Church; Bro. Thomas H. Boyett, Bro. J. D. Green and Bro. Ernest Robertson, of Robeline Church. We recommend that the Association extend to the bereaved ones of their homes and churches our prayers and heart-felt sympathy.

Adopted. W. M. SMITH, Committee.

### Nominations

We, your committee on Nominations, recommend the following:

1. Ex. Committee—Bro. E. K. Shults, Natchitoches Church; George Davis, Harmony Church; C. C. Hattaway, Campti Church; J. P. Clower, Central Church; I. B. Dowden, Cypress Church; J. A. Bailes, Marthaville Church.

1. Messenger to State Convention-Bro. J. B. Wood.

3. Messenger to S. B. Convention—Bro. W. M. Smith.

4. Member State Board-Bro. E. K. Shults.

5. We recommend this Association to meet with Robeline Baptist Church September 1, 1921, at 10 o'clock a. m.

6. Annual Sermon be preached by Bro. E. K. Shults.

7. Alternate, Bro. W. M. Smith.

L. E. GREEN,

J. C. PARKER,

B. F. JONES,

ARTHUR ROBERTS, Committee.

Adopted.

Report on Finance adopted. Committee, W. F. Key, I. B. Dowden, Luther Roberts.

A motion was adopted that Clerk reserve \$20.00 (Twenty Dollars) for services rendered and use balance of fee to printing minutes. Adopted.

The following resolutions offered by Rev. E. K. Shults and Dr. C. E. Perryman:

Resolved: First, That we the Natchitoches Baptist Association hereby express to the entertaining church, Harmony, our sincere appreciation of and for their generous hospitality and fine souled spirit, which has aidede so materially in making this session of the Association one of the best in all its history.

Second, That we urge all our churches to adopt the uniform church letter, recommended for all churches of the Southern Baptist Convention. Adopted.

By motion the Fifth Sunday in October was set as day for Associational Sunday School Convention. Adopted.

Thus closed the 1920 session of the Natchitoches Bap-

tist Association. After song, Rev. E. K. Shults led in prayer. Association adjourned to meet with Robeline Baptist Church at 10 o'clock a. m. September 1, 1921, Rev. E. K. Shults to preach introductory sermon. Alternate, W. M. Smith.

REV. E. K. SHULTS, Moderator.

J. A. BAILES, Clerk and Treasurer.

# Report of Committee on Credentials and Finance

Number of churches reported	14
Number Messengers present	44
Value of church property\$	27,396.48
Gains by Baptisms	84
Gains by letter	
Gains by restoration	1
Gains by statements	
Total gains	221
Loss by letter	82
Loss by death	
Loss by exclusion	
Total loss	93
Total membership	1282
Financial Statistics	
Pastors' salaries\$	5,589.14
Buildings and repairs	1,240.81
Incidentals	141.75
Sunday School expenses	221 <b>.42</b>
Poor	45.00
Minutes fund	84.70
Associational Missions	
State Missions	
Home Missions	
Foreign Missions	

# 14 MINUTES NATCHITOCHES BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Sunday School Missions	
Orphanage	
Ministerial Education	
Aged Ministers	
Colleges and Schools, including B. B. I	
Baptist Hospital	
Other Objects	
Total 75 Million Campaign	- 7,052.90
Total	\$14,696.69
Sunday School Reports—	
Number of Schools in Association	
Number of Officers and Teachers	
Number of Pupils	
Number of Church members in Sunday Schools.	
Number of months kept open	
Number of Baptisms from Sunday Schools	
Contributions from Sunday Schools	\$578.94
Missions, Orphanage and other objects	
Total from Sunday Schools	
Number Resident Pastors	3
Number Non-Resident Pastors	
Number whole time Pastors	
Number three-fourths time Pastors	
Number one-half time Pastors	
Number one-fourth time Pastors	
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Number W. M. S.'s in Association	5
Contributions for all objects from W. M. S	\$1,741.42
B. Y. P. U.—	
Number B. Y. P. U.'s in Association	3

(Two Seniors and one Junior)
Number of Members66
Total contributions\$175.00
LUTHER ROBERTS, Committee.
W. F. KEY,
I. B. DOWDEN,

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	Old Ministers' Aid		
	Education		
	Orphans' Home		
	Foreign Missions		
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	State Missions	21	
I	S. S. Expenses	$\begin{array}{c} 91\\ 91\\\\ 7\\ 10\\ 10\\\\ 10\\\\\\\\\\ -$	
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are correct.	Church—	Provencal Natchitoc's 1st Natchitoc's 2d Harmony Cypress Victoria Victoria Cassady Sp'gs- Central Campti Marthaville Montrose Derry	

FINANCIAL STATISTICS

For want of space the figures below express dollars in round numbers. The totals

Church	Pastor and Post Office	Clerk and Postoffice
Provencal		Mrs. W. G. Stephens, Provencal, La.
Natchitoches First	E. K. Shults, Natchitoches, La	Miss Sudie Morvett, Natchitoches, La.
Natchitoches Second		Mrs. Shoebrock, Natchitoches, La.
Harmony	W. J. Ross, Pleasant Hill, La	Luther Roberts, Provencal, La.
Cypress	Charlie Riser, Pineville, La	I. B. Dowden, Cypress, La.
Robeline	J. D. Carroll, Pineville, La.	T. B. Sellers, Robeline, La.
Victoria	H. D. Maxwell, Pollock, La.	Mrs. R. S. Jackson, Victoria, La.
Cassady Springs	W. M. Smith, Robeline, La.	J. C. Parker, Robeline, La.
Central	W. M. Smith, Robeline, La.	- J. C. Johnson, Robeline, La.
Campti	H. B. Mercer, Pineville, La.	W. C. Hall, Campti, La.
Coldwater	W. M. Smith, Robeline, La.	A. F. Whetten, Hagewood, La.
Marthaville	W. D. Alford, Lillie, La.	W. R. Law, Marthaville, La.
Montrose	H. D. Maxwell, Pollock, La.	F. A. Dennison, Montrose, La.
Derry	G. W. Strother, Pineville, La.	T. R. Ledbetter, Derry, La.

# ORDAINED MINISTERS AND THEIR POST OFFICES

- W. M. Smith, Robeline, La.
  L. A. Jones, Provencal, La.
  J. B. Wood, Robeline, La.
  E. K. Shults, Natchitoches, La.

J. D. Carroll, Pineville, La. Charlie Riser, Pineville, La. W. J. Ross, Pleasant Hill, La.

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